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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Director
for Planning and Development

SUBJECT: Comments on Enclosures

1. As directed, OSI and ATIC were consulted concerning the operational life span of the U-2. The conclusions reached by operations Personnel as a result of the meetings are as indicated in ref A.

2. Reference B is a bi-product of the ATIC meeting. They have performed considerable work in this area and were very positive in their recommendations concerning the value of camouflage paint. (Mission 6017 - China was visually sighted by three different fighter groups.) Consideration should be given the utilization of black paint for camouflage.

3. Ref C forwarded for information indicating most recent developments
- Hold off on P-104 zoom-climb until over-pressure, structure and engine limitations are analyzed.
 - Proceed highest priority with [] tests.

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Colonel USAF
Director of Operations

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Encl.

- Overflights of the Soviet Bloc (CHAL 0354)
- Painting of Aircraft (IPS 5015)
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